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THE OLD BUNK AGAIN

Revival of the propaganda to
get back to a normal economic
basis by deprivations is another
illustration of our economic illi-
teracy. We may mean well and
that is not so sure. To be able to
say we are doing something we
will do the wrong thing rather
than use our common sense and
locate the right remedy.

To tell the country that the
way to get rid of the trouble is to
begin to deprive ourselves of
everything but just enough to
keep body and soul together is
flapdoodle. The old-fashioned
superstitious farmers who plant-
ed this, that and the other thing
in the light or dark of the moon
never knew how foolish they
were. The men of the next gen-
eration will smilingly ask them-
selves how the men of our day
ever managed to get through
without a knowledge of economic
laws.

The first step in getting rid of
the trouble is to open the door
to more buying at lower prices.
Until all commodities of necessity
are within the easy reach of every
family there can be no change
that will give relief. The family
with the smallest income must
be able to provide for itself.
When that is done the 'problem'
of production will automatically
solve itself.

Greater demand means greater
consumption, and greater con-
sumption means heavier produc-
tion—and always will. It is de-
liberate flubdub to insist that
production is too low. That does
not account for the high prices.
There is not a sane man in the
United States who doesn't know
that the fault is not in a lowered
production. There are few men
who do not know just as clearly
that production is ample to fill
low moderate prices if we were
not on a wrong trail.

The history of every modern
invention is a record of restricted
use until increased demand
enlarged production, lowered
costs, and placed the product
within the reach of the greatest
number of users. What is true
of these inventions is true of every
commodity. There is enough of
everything to allow heavier con-
sumption, but the increased buy-
ing is shut off by exorbitant pri-
ces. The same advisers who tell
Americans to do without every-
thing are the men who sell clear-
ly enough that it is inability to
buy and consume that is handi-
capping Europe. Yet they do
not seem to see that the lowest
possible consumption means the
lightest production, and conse-
quently still higher prices. One
of the needs of the times is a few
less counsellors who through a
lack of knowledge of elemental
economics do not know what they
are talking about.

WANTED—Experienced sales-
lady to work on Saturdays in
dry goods store, box 323. If

The G. O. P. is going to be-
come still better acquainted with
Hiram Johnson before he gets
through with it.

There are 73 widows of soldiers
of the war of 1812 still surviving.
A pension seems to be an aid to
longevity.

The holy war the Turks threa-
ten if peace terms are enforced
might have the result of wholly
eradicating the Turk.

One of the really comical
things of the presidential cam-
paign is the "open hand" of the
Old Guard. It flies about if a
progressive idea comes within a
mile of it.

In stirring up a ramp over a
recent divorce Nevada authori-
ties are menacing the future of
one of the state's leading indus-
tries. Killing the goose that
laid the golden egg, as it were.

The Chicago man who attired
himself in a \$20 silk shirt, a \$15
hat and a pair of overalls may
have thought he was aiding in re-
ducing the cost of clothing.
Much of the cheap clothing
craze is as incongruous as that.

NOTICE

Tomato plants now ready.
J. Y. SAVAGE.

NOTICE

The Mayor of the town and
The Clarksville Literary Club re-
quest a meeting of the citizens
of the town at Madry's Opera
House Wednesday Night May 5th
at Nine O'clock for the purpose of
organizing a Library Association.
— HUGH JOHNSON, Mayor.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I announce my candidacy for
Commissioner of Labor and
printing in the June state-wide
Democratic primary to succeed
Hon. M. L. Shipman, incumbent,
and will appreciate your vote
and support at the polls. Ask
any one who knows of by labors
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1909.

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